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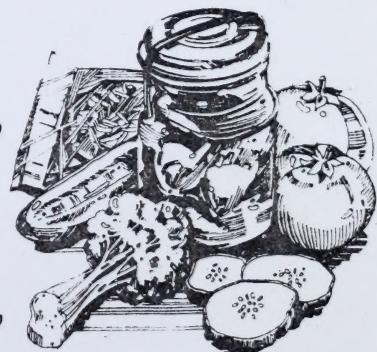
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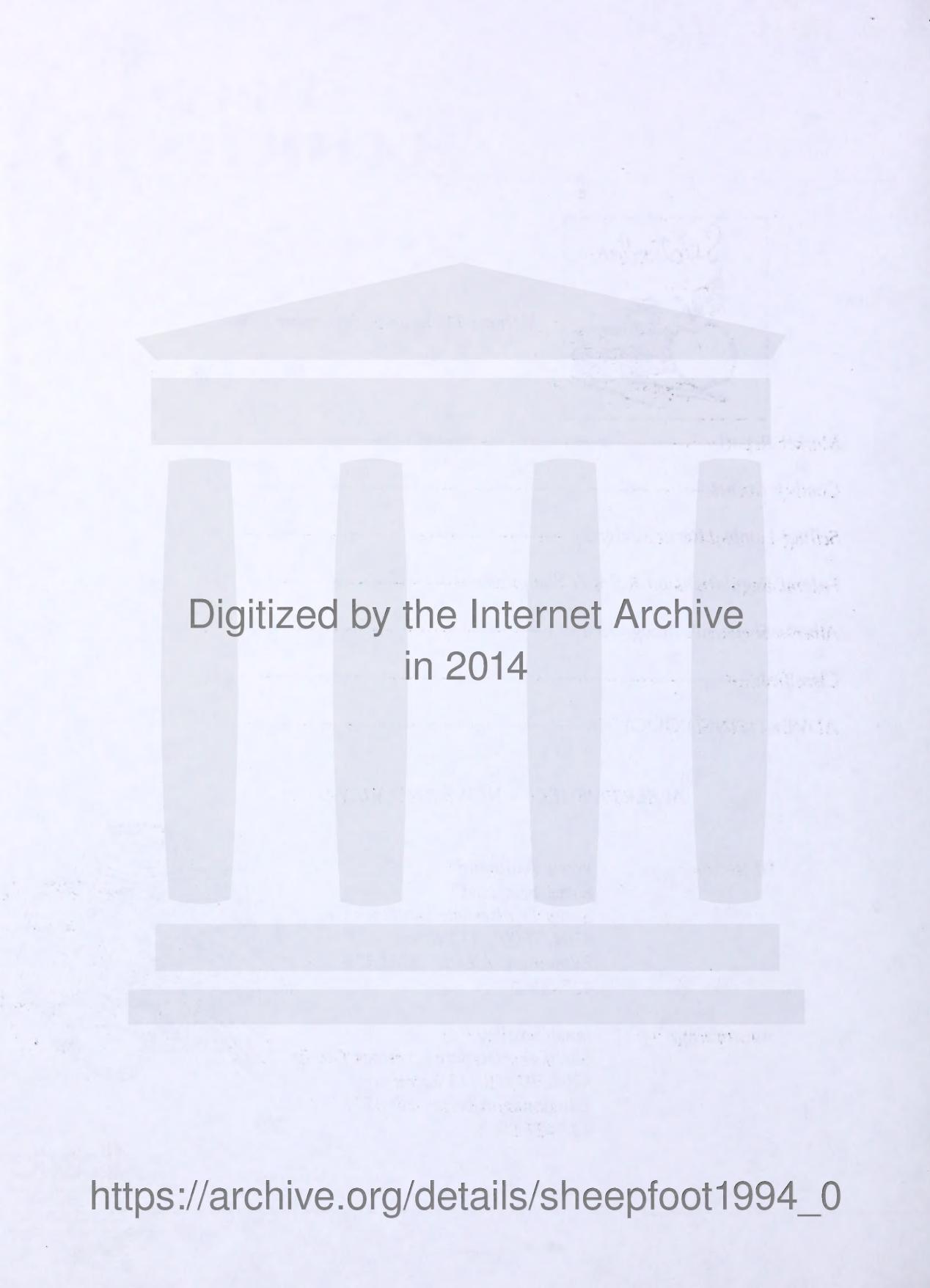
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Lambs

Commentary

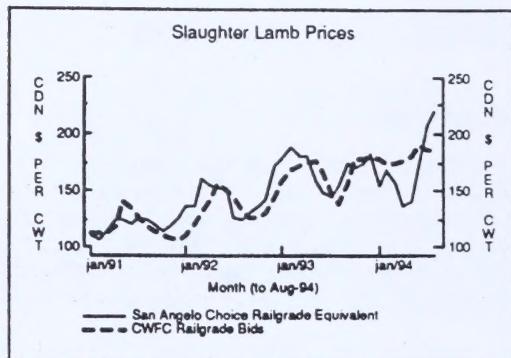
Slaughter lamb prices continued to strengthen in late July and early August, with U.S. prices advancing to record high levels. By mid-August there was some evidence of buyer resistance to the extremely high lamb prices in the U.S., but supplies of product remained tight compared to the year-ago level. At the time of writing, most U.S. lamb prices were still above \$80 per cwt, live weight.

The mid-August sheep and lamb sale in Edmonton reported good demand on a volume of 1,275 head. Good slaughter lambs were quoted from \$85-\$90 per cwt with sales to \$95. Feeder lambs were quoted from \$95-\$115 with some sales higher.

Bids at Canada West Foods in Innisfail have increased this past month, in response to the strength in outside markets. Slaughter lamb prices were quoted in a live weight range of \$90-\$95 per cwt as of mid-August. Canada West Foods has gone back to the practice of quoting lamb prices on a live weight range basis. The bid range better reflects the variety of pricing options available to producers at Canada West Foods. Producers have several pricing alternatives, including railgrade sales.

Outlook

With U.S. lamb prices near record high levels and a seasonal increase in production ahead, the time seems ripe for a downturn in prices. In the local market we are heading into the season of peak marketings and lowest prices. I expect the fall decline in lamb prices to be quite modest on both sides of the border. The American flock is much smaller now, and lamb should remain in relatively tight supply compared to the year-ago period. Alberta lamb prices could drift below the \$90 per cwt level, but are less likely to drop below \$80 this fall.



Note: Aug 94 prices are estimated
*CWFC is Canada West Food Corporation

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Special Commodities

Commentary

Pulse and mustard crop bids have been strengthening over the past month even though crop development has progressed well. It appears that harvest will occur at a very fast pace if weather conditions remain. An open September would translate into very good quality special crops.

The biggest surprise to date has been the strong feed pea bids. At the time of writing bids for immediate delivery were in the range of \$4.60 to \$4.70 per bushel. Traders have commented that even at these levels producers are binding early production in hopes of higher prices. Buyers may indeed be forced to pay higher prices in the near term however it will likely only be a short lived rally. Currently conditions in Europe have increased demand for protein substitutes due to rising domestic feed grain prices. The E.U. is in a transition period as new crop oilseed meal supplies have not yet come on stream. Once crush levels increase we will likely see an easing of the current strong feed pea demand. Given this scenario producers should look at least at pricing enough to cover cash costs. Once the bin doors do start to open prices could easily fall back to \$4.25 per bushel given our large production.

Mustard prices are currently in the same trading pattern as peas but should be on a firmer demand base with less downside risk. Currently traders are also trying to get previously sold orders filled. Subsequently we have seen prices strengthen especially for brown mustard. Pricing mustard at this time is advisable since these should cover cost of production. The carryover demand looks like it will carry through and therefore a significant drop is unlikely in the near future.

The canary seed and lentil markets are both in a wait and see attitude. The inability to accurately predict yield levels is keeping the market relatively quiet. The large seeded acreage has initially set these two in a negative mood. Some canary seed bids are as low as 8 cents per pound. Very little trade should take place until product is actually in the bin when yield and quality can be assessed.

Special Crop Cash Bids*

| Crop | Aug'94 | Jul.'94 | Aug'93 |
|------------------------------|--------|---------|--------|
| Lentil (\$/m.t.) | | | |
| Laird #1 | 352 | 342 | 308 |
| Eston #1 | 364 | - | 308 |
| Mustard (\$/m.t.) | | | |
| Brown #1 | 265 | 240 | 176 |
| Oriental #1 | 265 | 270 | 198 |
| Yellow #1 | 287 | 310 | 220 |
| Peas (\$/bu.) | | | |
| Large yellow | 4.75 | 4.87 | 4.50 |
| Green | 4.75 | 5.03 | 4.25 |
| Feed | 4.52 | 4.26 | 3.75 |
| Canary seed (\$/m.t.) | | | |
| | 176 | 355 | 198 |

*mid-month

Forage Seed Commentary

Creeping red fescue harvest is by and large complete in the peace country with yields coming in likely a little better than 400 pounds with good quality. The grass seed markets look like they will be the poor cousin this year as compared to outlooks for other special crops and grains. Producers are faced with bids ranging from 22-25 cents per pound. Unfortunately there appears to be little in the foreseeable future to improve prices as our competitors are also facing average to above average production.

The US may well try to point the finger at Canadian grass seed growers in an attempt to lay blame for falling prices. The usual plan of attack is to target subsidy levels however in this case that would be extremely difficult given the non existent direct government support to this sector. We will continue to monitor this situation since an open US export market is vital to the grass seed industry.

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| WHOLESALE LAMB MARKET AND DISTRIBUTIVE CUT MARKET | | | |
|---|--------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| W/E 08/26/94 | FOB OMAHA BASIS | CAF NORTHEAST | CAF SO. CALIF. |
| CERTIFIED CL YG 1-2 | | | |
| 55/DN | | | (carlot) |
| 60/DN | | | \$1.72 |
| 55-65 | | \$1.85 | |
| 60-65 | | | \$1.72 |
| 65-75 | | | \$1.72 |
| CARCASSES YG 1-3** | | | |
| 55/DN | | | |
| 60/DN | | | \$1.71-1.72 |
| 60-65 | | | \$1.71-1.72 |
| CARCASSES YG 1-4** | | | |
| 55/DN | \$1.63 | \$1.69-1.695* | |
| 55-65 | \$1.66 | \$1.72-1.725* | |
| 65-75 | \$1.66 | \$1.72-1.725* | \$1.71-1.72 |
| 75/UP | \$1.66 | \$1.72-1.725* | |

* - Represents carlot trade. Less than carlot traded \$1.00-\$4.00 higher.

| BOXED LAMB CUTS: YG 1-4** | | | DISTRIBUTIVE TRADE | |
|---------------------------|--------------|---------|--------------------|-----------------------|
| | W/E 08/19/94 | VOLUME* | PRICE RANGE | N.E. COAST SO. CALIF. |
| 3-Way | 55/DN | 1,400 | \$1.78-1.80 | |
| | **YG 1-3 | 1,050 | \$1.99-2.01 | |
| | 55-65 | 700 | \$1.83-1.92 | |
| | **YG 1-3 | 25 | \$2.01 | |
| Rack, 8-rib | 7/DN | 600 | \$34.65-4.85 | \$3.85-4.60 |
| | 7/UP | 2,100 | \$34.80-4.95 | \$4.75-5.15 |
| | YG 1-3 7/UP | | | \$4.55** |
| Shoulder, cross cut | | 3,975 | \$1.18-1.30 | |
| Chuck, sq cut, split | | 3,300 | \$31.43-1.49 | \$1.10-1.25 |
| Loin, 4-inch trim | | 2,750 | \$35.55-5.75 | \$5.10-5.50 |
| Legs, dbl trtr on | | 1,100 | \$31.50-1.55 | \$1.50-1.70 |
| Legs, sngl trtr off | | 1,300 | \$31.60-1.65 | \$1.65** |
| Legs, sngl bnls | | 650 | \$2.35-2.45 | |
| Breast, sq cut | | 800 | \$0.28-0.40 | \$0.25-0.35 |
| Foreshanks | | 1,355 | \$31.25-1.35 | \$1.25-1.35 |
| Ribs, Denver style | | 460 | \$1.40 | \$1.45** |
| CERTIFIED CL YG 1-2 | | | | |
| 3-Way | 55/DN | 300 | \$1.90-2.01 | |
| Rack, 8-rib | 7/DN | | | |
| | 7/UP | 245 | \$5.05-5.79 | |
| Chuck, sq cut, split | | 600 | \$1.41-1.65 | |
| Loins, 4-inch trim | | 285 | \$5.75-6.39 | |
| Legs, dbl trtr on | | 110 | \$1.65-1.95 | |
| Legs, sngl trtr off | | 300 | \$2.51-2.62 | |

Breasts, sq cut

Foreshanks

*BOX-COUNT BASIS, **YG 3 OR BETTER WHERE NOTED

M = MOSTLY (not full price range)

FEDERALLY INSPECTED SLAUGHTER (Head)

| | % THIS THIS WEEK | % THIS WEEK LAST | WEEK LAST | WEEK YEAR (estimated) | ENDING 08/13/94 YEAR (actual) | TOTAL TO DATE | % 1994 vs 1993 |
|--------|------------------------|------------------------|--------------|-----------------------------|--|------------------|-------------------------|
| SHEEP | 80,000 | -3.6 | -15.1 | 82,538 | 3,126,000 | -6.2 | |
| CATTLE | 628,000 | +3.8 | +8.0 | 648,780 | 21,782,000 | +1.2 | |
| CALF | 22,000 | +4.8 | -3.0 | 22,740 | 766,000 | +1.0 | |
| HOGS | 1,674,000 | +1.3 | +3.8 | 1,773,290 | 58,587,000 | +0.1 | |

RED MEAT PRODUCTION (million pounds)

| | % THIS THIS WEEK | % THIS WEEK LAST | WEEK LAST | WEEK YEAR (estimated) | ENDING 08/06/94 YEAR (actual) | TOTAL TO DATE | % 1994 vs 1993 |
|-------|------------------------|------------------------|--------------|-----------------------------|--|------------------|-------------------------|
| LAMB | 4.9 | -4.5 | -17.1 | 4.7 | 199.4 | -7.3 | |
| BEEF | 494.9 | +4.1 | +10.5 | 458.4 | 15,484.6 | +5.8 | |
| VEAL | 4.9 | +3.8 | -3.9 | 5.7 | 175.1 | +2.2 | |
| PORK | 324.4 | +0.9 | +4.5 | 307.8 | 10,797.9 | +3.1 | |
| TOTAL | 829.0 | +2.4 | +7.8 | 776.1 | 26,657.0 | +4.6 | |

DRESSED WEIGHT PERCENT LAMB SLAUGHTER

| | | | |
|------------------|----|----------|------|
| THIS WEEK (EST.) | 61 | 08/13/94 | 93.2 |
| 08/06/94 (ACT.) | 60 | 08/14/93 | 93.5 |

Comments

WHOLESALE CARCASS TRADE W/E 08/26/94: Compared to last week, FOB Omaha, CAF East Coast and CAF California-carcass lambs traded steady on all weights. An unsettled undertone prevailed on the 55-lb. and down carcasses. Movement was moderate on light offerings and a light to moderate demand.

Carcasses Certified by USDA Week Ending 08/19/94: 19,794, 23.8 percent of estimated slaughter.

USDA CUTOUT VALUE, W/E 08/26/94: NORTHEAST TRADE, BASED ON INDUSTRY YIELDS. This week's cutout for 65/down carcasses was valued at \$198.69, down \$6.35. The 65/up carcasses were valued at \$205.74, down \$5.30. Note: No adjustments were made for processing or distributing costs.

DISTRIBUTIVE TRADE W/E 08/26/94: In the Northeast distributive trade, 55/down carcasses traded steady with prices ranging from \$185.00-\$195.00. Lamb cuts traded weak to lower on light demand and moderate offerings. Heavy weight cuts traded steady to weak while lighter weight cuts traded weak to lower. Middle meats experienced the most downward pressure as demand continued to be extremely light. Movement was mostly slow on moderate offerings.

NATIONAL BOXED LAMB CUT TRADE, W/E 08/19/94: Compared to the previous week, boxed lamb cuts traded mostly steady. Movement was slow to moderate on mostly light to moderate offerings. Demand was light on light weight middle meats, and moderate on other cuts.

Representative Live Sales



| AREA | TYPE OF SHEEP | TYPE OF SALE | HEAD | LBS. | WEIGHING CONDITIONS | PRICE (\$/CWT.) |
|----------------|---------------|--------------|--------|---------|---|-----------------|
| WEST | | | | | | |
| * California | Sl. Lambs | Direct | 15,000 | 100-120 | Choice, few prime, YG 1-3, delivered | 79.00-80.00 |
| * Oregon/Wash. | Sl. Lambs | Direct | 2,000 | 100-120 | Choice, few prime, YG 1-3, 4% shrink | 77.00-78.00 |
| * Oregon | Feeders | Direct | 1,000 | 80-85 | Medium & large frame #1-2, muscling, new crop | 62.00-64.00 |
| MOUNTAIN | | | | | | |
| * Colorado | Sl. Lambs | Direct | 1200 | 110-120 | Choice, few prime, YG 1-3, off grass & delivered | 75.00 |
| * Idaho | Sl. Lambs | Direct | 3,800 | 110-125 | Choice, few prime, YG 1-3, 4% shrink, most off grass | 75.00-77.00 |
| * Wyoming | Sl. Lambs | Direct | 800 | 125-130 | Choice, few prime, YG 1-3, shorn, #2-3 pelts, 4% shr. | 80.00-80.50 |
| * Wyoming | Sl. Lambs | Direct | 975 | 111-125 | Choice, few prime, YG 2-3, shorn #2-3, double dressed | 82.41 |
| * Colorado | Sl. Lambs | Auction | 210 | 103-143 | Choice, few prime, YG 1-3, shorn/wooled | 78.00-84.50 |
| * Montana | Sl. Lambs | Auction | 340 | 130-140 | Choice, few prime, YG 2-4 | 69.50-70.00 |
| * Colorado | Feeders | Direct | 5,300 | 90-105 | Medium & large frame #1-2, del., weighed off truck | 70.00-75.00 |
| * Colorado | Feeders | Auction | 974 | 48-99 | Medium to large frame #1-2 muscling, new crop | 65.00-71.00 |
| * Colorado | Feeders | Auction | 207 | 103-107 | Medium & large frame #1-3 muscling, new crop | 66.50-72.00 |
| * Idaho | Feeders | Direct | 7,700 | 90-105 | Medium & large frame #1-2, August-Sept. delivery | 75.00 |
| * Montana | Feeders | Direct | 4,000 | 90-95 | Medium & large frame #1, overnight stand | 70.00 |
| * Montana | Feeders | Auction | 2,380 | 40-120 | Medium & large frame #1-2 muscling, Billings | 67.50-73.00 |
| * MT/WY | Feeders | Direct | 1,600 | 60-70 | Medium & large frame #1-2 muscling, delivered Iowa | 73.50-75.00 |
| * Utah | Feeders | Direct | 15,600 | 80-90 | Medium & large frame #1-2, delivered | 67.00-70.00 |
| * Wyoming | Feeders | Direct | 9,200 | 75-90 | Medium & large frame #1-2, FOB overnight | 70.00-73.50 |
| * Colorado | Sl. Ewes | Auction | 375 | 125-175 | Good to Utility 1-2, Ft. Collins | 24.00-25.50 |
| * Montana | Sl. Ewes | Auction | 459 | | Utility & good, Billings | 23.00-28.00 |
| SOUTH CENTRAL | | | | | | |
| * Texas | Sl. Lambs | Feedlot | 9,200 | 110-130 | Choice, few prime, YG 2-4, shorn, #1-2 pelts, yield | 78.50-80.00 |
| * Texas | Sl. Lambs | Feedlot | 800 | 125 | Choice, few prime, YG 2-4, shorn, #1-2 pelts, 4% shr. | 83.00 |
| * Texas | Sl. Lambs | Auction | 300 | 90-115 | Choice, few prime, YG 2-3, shorn, #1-2 pelts | 67.00-74.00 |
| Texas | Feeders | Direct | 8,000 | 60-80 | Medium & large frame #1-2 muscling | 65.00-68.00 |
| * Oklahoma | Feeders | Auction | 245 | 45-95 | Medium & large frame #1-2 muscling | 62.00-68.00 |
| * Texas | Feeders | Auction | 4,837 | 40-95 | Medium & large frame #1-2 muscling, San Angelo | 64.00-70.50 |
| * Texas | Feeders | Auction | 1,115 | 40-95 | Medium & large frame #2 muscling, San Angelo | 60.00-65.00 |
| * Texas | Feeders | Auction | 1,487 | 40-90 | Medium frame #2-3 muscling, San Angelo | 50.00-60.00 |
| * Texas | Feeders | Auction | 1,000 | 55-90 | Medium & large frame #1 muscling, Goldthwaite | 62.00-69.50 |
| * Texas | Feeders | Auction | 600 | 50-75 | Medium & large frame #1 muscling, Junction | 60.00-68.00 |
| * N. Mexico | Sl. Ewes | Direct | 500 | | Utility & good, Mexico (per head) | 36.00 |
| * Texas | Sl. Ewes | Auctions | 796 | | Good, Goldthwaite/Junction | 27.00-40.00 |
| * Texas | Sl. Ewes | Auctions | 810 | | Utility, Goldthwaite/Junction | 22.00-33.00 |
| * Texas | Sl. Ewes | Auction | 3,720 | | Good & choice, San Angelo | 33.00-44.00 |
| * Texas | Sl. Ewes | Auction | 4,650 | | Utility, San Angelo | 27.50-38.00 |
| * Texas | Sl. Ewes | Auction | 929 | | Cull, San Angelo | 20.00-28.50 |
| * Texas | Sl. Ewes | Direct | 300 | | Utility, shorn | 28.00-30.00 |
| NORTH CENTRAL | | | | | | |
| * Illinois | Sl. Lambs | Computer | 643 | 119-120 | Choice, few prime, YG 2-4, shorn/wooled | 77.25-79.50 |
| * Iowa | Sl. Lambs | Computer | 630 | 120-124 | Choice, few prime, YG 2-4, new crop | 79.50-83.00 |
| * Wisconsin | Sl. Lambs | Computer | 756 | 116-117 | Choice, few prime, YG 2-4, shorn/wooled | 75.00-78.00 |
| * Midwest | Sl. Lambs | Feedlot | 975 | 104-134 | Choice, few prime, YG 2-3, Springers, 0-4% shrink | 75.00-80.00 |
| * Midwest | Sl. Lambs | Feedlot | 2,575 | 115-130 | Choice, few prime, YG 2-3, Springers, 0-4% shrink | 79.00-84.00 |
| * Iowa | Sl. Lambs | Auction | 225 | 108-125 | Choice, few prime, YG 2-4, shorn/wooled | 73.00-77.00 |
| Iowa | Sl. Lambs | Auction | 369 | 112-150 | Choice, few prime, YG 2-4, shorn/wooled, Kalona | 78.97-85.75 |
| * Minnesota | Sl. Lambs | Auction | 875 | 105-135 | Choice, few prime, YG 2-3, shorn/wooled | 75.00-80.00 |
| * Missouri | Sl. Lambs | Auction | 270 | 110-140 | Choice, few prime, YG 2-3, Springers | 75.00-80.00 |
| * Nebraska | Sl. Lambs | Auctions | 682 | 115-140 | Choice, few prime, YG 2-4, new crop, Omaha/Palmyra | 77.00-84.00 |
| * Nebraska | Sl. Lambs | Auction | 125 | 105-115 | Choice, few prime, YG 2-4, shorn/wooled, Palmyra | 72.50-77.00 |
| * S. Dakota | Sl. Lambs | Auction | 1,310 | 110-134 | Choice, few prime, YG 2-4, shorn/wooled, Sioux Falls | 81.00-86.50 |
| * S. Dakota | Sl. Lambs | Auction | 300 | 88-112 | Choice, few prime, YG 2-4, shorn/wooled, Sioux Falls | 73.00-78.00 |
| Iowa | Feeders | Auction | 209 | 88-101 | Medium & large frame #1-2 muscling, Kalona | 67.77-70.08 |
| * Minnesota | Feeders | Auction | 590 | 60-90 | Medium & large frame #1-2 muscling | 65.00-70.00 |
| Nebraska | Feeders | Auction | 300 | 40-90 | Medium & large frame #1-2 muscling | 60.00-70.00 |
| S. Dakota | Feeders | Auctions | 3,452 | 45-79 | Medium & large frame #1-2 muscling, Faith/Newell | 68.00-74.50 |
| S. Dakota | Feeders | Auctions | 4,374 | 80-105 | Medium & large frame #1-2 muscling, Faith/Newell | 67.25-71.50 |
| S. Dakota | Feeders | Auction | 459 | 70-111 | Medium & large frame #1-2 muscling, Belle Fouche | 61.25-71.75 |
| S. Dakota | Feeders | Auction | 275 | 46-86 | Medium & large frame #1-2 muscling, Sioux Falls | 60.50-68.00 |
| S. Dakota | Feeders | Direct | 500 | 85-90 | Medium & large frame #1-2 muscling, FOB overnight | 69.00 |
| S. Dakota | Sl. Ewes | Auctions | 787 | | Utility & good, Sioux Falls/Belle Fouche | 24.00-33.75 |
| S. Dakota | Sl. Ewes | Auctions | 1,250 | | Utility, Newell | 22.25-29.25 |
| S. Dakota | St. Ewes | Auction | 561 | | Whiteface, 1-3-years-old, Faith (per head) | 84.00-86.00 |
| S. Dakota | St. Ewes | Auction | 410 | | Whiteface, thin 2-year-olds, Faith (per head) | 68.00-71.00 |
| EASTERN | | | | | | |
| * Indiana | Sl. Lambs | Pool | 300 | 100-140 | Choice, few prime, YG 1-4, wooled/shorn | 74.00 |
| * Ind./Ohio | Sl. Lambs | Pool | 250 | 120-125 | Choice, few prime, YG 2-4, wooled/shorn | 78.75 |
| * Kentucky | Sl. Lambs | Pool | 480 | 110-140 | Choice, few prime, YG 2-3, 30-cent slide <110 or >140 | 77.50 |
| * Virginia | Sl. Lambs | Tele-Auction | 483 | 90-125 | Good, choice, few prime, new crop, YG 1-2 | 73.00-75.00 |
| * Michigan | Sl. Lambs | Auction | 380 | 100-130 | Choice, few prime, YG 2-4, wooled/shorn | 70.00-75.00 |
| * Ohio | Sl. Lambs | Auction | 575 | 105-130 | Choice, few prime, YG 2-4, shorn/wool | 74.00-78.50 |
| * Penn. | Sl. Lambs | Auction | 398 | 60-110 | Good & choice, YG 1-3, new crop | 74.00-85.00 |
| * Virginia | Sl. Lambs | Auctions | 280 | 67-113 | Good, choice, few prime, new crop, YG 1-3 | 70.50-76.75 |
| * Virginia | Feeders | Tele-Auction | 192 | 60-100 | Small to large frame, 1-2 muscling | 71.00-75.50 |
| * Michigan | Sl. Ewes | Auction | 250 | | All grades, Manchester | 25.00-35.00 |



Coming Events

1994

September 17

LAMBS IN LACOMBE - An Olde Tyme Sheep Faire. Lacombe Fairgrounds. Starting 10:00 A.M. For more information contact Edith Williams, 403-784-3511.

September 19

SHEEP & GOAT SALE - Market and feeder lambs, culled and goats at 1:00 P.M. at the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool Livestock Marketing Centre, Lloydminster. Contact Don or Russ to book your sheep 306-825-8831. **BREEDING STOCK** - purebred and commercial replacement ewes and rams of all major breeds will sell at the Lloydminster Exhibition Grounds following the sale at the Pool. Please pre-enter by September 12. Contact Val at 306-825-5571 for entry forms and more information.

September 22

NORTH CENTRAL SHEEP & GOAT SALES. Edmonton Stockyards. All sales are held on a Thursday and start at 1:30 P.M. Stock must arrive no later than 9:00 A.M. on day of sale. For more information or to book animals into the sale contact one of the following: Jack Francis (sheep), Edmonton, 403-436-5992 or Doug Laurie (sheep), Stony Plain, 403-963-6711; Art Tilma (goats), Smoky Lake, 403-656-2374 or Dennis Pasichney (sheep), Redwater, 403-942-4537. Edmonton Stockyard Inc., 403-473-5776. Please book ahead if possible.

September 24

DAWSON CREEK FALL SHEEP SALE. Sponsored by Dawson Creek Sheep Breeders Association. Selling all types of sheep including feeder and fat lambs, breeding ewes and ewe lambs, cull ewes, rams, etc. Sheep guard dogs and sheep working dogs accepted. If interested, call Andy Bohn, 604-759-4973 or Bob Hicks, 604-843-7697. Would like to have sale listings by September 10 in order to line up appropriate buyers.

September 24

MONTHLY SHEEP AND GOAT SALE at Camrose Auction Market, 403-672-4496, Camrose at 3:00 P.M. Look for display of Lazy 'S' Sheep Supplies. For further information contact Camrose Auction at 403-672-4496.

September 30, October 1 & 2

3 DAY STOCK DOG SCHOOL. With Dale Montgomery at Battleford, Saskatchewan. 1 1/2 days on sheep, 1 1/2 days on cattle. Cattle may be worked on foot or on horseback. If you want to use a horse - bring your own. For more information call or write Galawater Kennels, Earl & Phyllis Tinney, R R #1, Battleford, Saskatchewan S0M 0E0, 306-937-2004. Limited registration.

October 1

NORTH OKANAGAN SHEEP SALE. 2nd Annual Sheep Sale will be held at 11:00 A.M., IPE Grounds, Armstrong, B.C. Approximately 2,000 ewes and lambs will be on offer. For more information call Harold Threlkeld, 604-546-8253.

October 1

NORTHWEST SHEEP PRODUCERS ASSOCIATION sponsoring Sheep Handling Equipment Workshop at Bob Geilen's farm at 2 P.M. From Warburg 1 mile west to Secondary 770, turn north to St. Francis Church, Township Road 500, turn west 5 miles to Range Road 51, turn south 1 mile. Bring lawn chairs. Everybody welcome. Please preregister by calling Marguerite Geilen at 848-2691 or Shirley Cuthill at 892-2395.

October 6

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Edmonton Stockyards. SPECIAL goat sale and sheep sale. All sales are held on a Thursday and start at 1:30 P.M. Stock must arrive no later than 9:00 A.M. on day of sale. For more information or to book animals into the sale contact one of the following: Jack Francis (sheep), Edmonton, 403-436-5992 or Doug Laurie (sheep), Stony Plain, 403-963-6711; Art Tilma (goats), Smoky Lake, 403-656-2374 or Dennis Pasichney (sheep), Redwater, 403-942-4537. Edmonton Stockyard Inc., 403-473-5776. Please book ahead if possible.

October 12 & 14

ANNUAL LAMBS & EWES, RAMS & GOATS SALE - TOMPKINS AUCTION MART LTD. Tompkins, Saskatchewan. Lambs on October 12, ewes, rams & goats on October 14. Lambs & ewes start at 1:30 PM, rams at 7:00 PM, goats to follow. All stock to be in yard early the day before the sale. Contact Mel Jacques, 306-622-4320 or Buster Brown, 306-582-6200 or sale yard sale - weeks only - 306-622-2122.

October 29

MONTHLY SHEEP AND GOAT SALE at Camrose Auction Market, 403-672-4496, Camrose at 3:00 P.M. Look for display of Lazy 'S' Sheep Supplies. For further information contact Camrose Auction at 403-672-4496.

November 2

1994 SHEEP SEMINAR SERIES. Featuring Janice Grauberger, Dr. Tim McAllister, Rick Neville and Dr. Gary Snowder. Lethbridge Research Station. 2:00 - 7:00 P.M. Cost \$5.00 payable at the door. Co-hosted by Southern Alberta Sheep Breeder's Association. For more information contact Kim at 403-381-5150 or Wray at 403-427-5083.

November 3

1994 SHEEP SEMINAR SERIES. Featuring Janice Grauberger, Dr. Tim McAllister, Rick Neville and Dr. Gary Snowder. Olds College Duncan Marshall Building. 3:00 - 7:00 P.M. Cost \$5.00 payable at the door. Co-hosted by Mountain View Sheep Producer's Association. For more information contact Kim at 403-381-5150 or Wray at 403-427-5083.

November 4

1994 SHEEP SEMINAR SERIES. Featuring Janice Grauberger, Dr. Tim McAllister, Rick Neville and Dr. Gary Snowder. Stony Plain (location T.B.A.). 3:00 - 7:00 P.M. Cost \$5.00 payable at the door. Co-hosted by North West Sheep Producer's Association. For more information contact Kim at 403-381-5150 or Wray at 403-427-5083.

November 5

1994 SHEEP SEMINAR SERIES. Featuring Janice Grauberger, Dr. Tim McAllister, Rick Neville and Dr. Gary Snowder. Rycroft Courtesy Corner (after ASWC zone meeting) 2:00 P.M. Cost \$5.00 payable at the door. For more information contact Kim at 403-381-5150 or Wray at 403-427-5083.

November 5-13

NORTHLANDS FARMFAIR '94 featuring Market Lamb Competition (closing entry date Sept 26), Junior Sheep (closing entry date Sept 5), Professional Shearing Competition (closing entry date Sept 9) and Wool Competition and Display (closing entry date Sept 26). 'Shearing Time' - we hear you have some good fleeces, consider putting them aside in clean containers for entry in Northlands Fairfair '94. For further information - Edmonton Northlands - Box 1480, Edmonton, T5J 2N5, 403-471-7232 or Jack Francis, 11647 - 73 Avenue, Edmonton, T6G 0E3, 403-436-5992.

November 17

NORTH CENTRAL SHEEP & GOAT SALES. Edmonton Stockyards. All sales are held on a Thursday and start at 1:30 P.M. Stock must arrive no later than 9:00 A.M. on day of sale. For more information or to book animals into the sale contact one of the following: Jack Francis (sheep), Edmonton, 403-436-5992 or Doug Laurie (sheep), Stony Plain, 403-963-6711; Art Tilma (goats), Smoky Lake, 403-656-2374 or Dennis Pasichney (sheep), Redwater, 403-942-4537. Edmonton Stockyard Inc., 403-473-5776. Please book ahead if possible.

November 26

MONTHLY SHEEP AND GOAT SALE at Camrose Auction Market, 403-672-4496, Camrose at 3:00 P.M. Look for display of Lazy 'S' Sheep Supplies. For further information contact Camrose Auction at 403-672-4496.

ALBERTA AGRICULTURE FOOD AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT PRESENTS

1994 SHEEP SEMINAR SERIES

Featuring:

Janice Grauberger, Director of Communications, ASI, Denver
**"Future of the US sheep industry after the wool incentive
and changes to BLM grazing"**

Dr Tim McAllister, Agriculture and AgriFood Canada, Lethbridge
"The care and feeding of your sheep's rumen microbes"

Rick Neville, Glenfiddich Ranch, Lundbreck, Alberta
"Grazing sheep to improve the range"

Dr Gary Snowder, US Sheep Expt Station, Dubois, Idaho
"Recent developments in lamb carcass quality - the lean gene"

Where:

Wednesday November 2 - 7:00 pm Lethbridge Research Station
Co-hosted by Southern Alberta Sheep Breeder's Association

Thursday November 3 - 7:00 pm Olds College Duncan Marshall Bldg.
Co-hosted by Mountain View Sheep Producer's Association

Friday November 4 - Stony Plain (location TBA)
Co-hosted by North West Sheep Producer's Association

Saturday November 5 - 2:00 pm Rycroft Courtesy Corner
(after ASWC zone meeting)

Cost: \$5 payable at the door

For more information contact:

Kim Stanford (403) 381-5150 or
Wray Whitmore (403) 427-5083

SELLING LAMBS LIVE OR RAILGRADE

If you sell your lambs through an auction mart then this article is not really important to you. If you sell your lambs to Canada West Foods then you should read this article. Over the last couple of years, Canada West has worked hard to sell sheep producers on its concept of quality lamb. This means lambs that are consistent and lean. An overfat or under finished lamb is not any good to them. Changes in the lamb market have made it necessary for Canada West to bid on lambs on a live weight basis this fall. It is very important to think about this marketing choice and how it can benefit you.

Dressing percent is defined as the carcass weight over liveweight. Lambs tend to have an average dressing percentage of 48% which falls to 47% or lower as they get older. As a lamb gets older, its viscera (guts) and pelt make up a larger percentage of its body weight. As this happens its dressing percentage decreases. Also it's important to point out that as an animal gets fatter, its dressing percentage increases. Although we want animals to have a good dressing percentage, it's possible to have too much of a good thing. When you sell your lambs railgrade, if they dress over 48% then you are going to make extra money versus selling them live.

The new lamb classification system is now in place. Lambs are classified or graded by Agriculture Canada, not Canada West Foods. Once the lamb has been graded, Canada West will buy it based on a pricing grid that we all have seen at one time or another. This method of payment can produce a complicated grading/ payment slip. It also produces a lot of very useful information for you as a sheep producer. Some of the information provided includes the carcass conformation score (muscling score), the G.R. measurement (carcass fat content), carcass weight and price paid per kg for the carcass. You as a sheep producer now know if your lambs were over fat or under finished. Also you have an idea if your rams are giving your lambs a desirable conformation. In some cases, the payment for your lambs may be reduced by how they graded. If the lamb is under finished or overfat, you will be payed less for it. This is irritating, but why should Canada West pay full price for an inferior lamb? But on the other hand, it's great to finally be paid a premium for the high quality lambs we produce. When you produce an inferior product you will be payed accordingly.

If you have confidence in the lambs you produce, then it's to your advantage to railgrade them. You will make more money. Next month I will show how railgrading some lambs netted me more money.

Federal Regulations on Rifles and Shotguns

New gun control regulations came into effect January 1, 1993. The following is a summary of some of the pertinent regulations on rifles and shotguns:

Storage

- 1) A rifle or shotgun must be stored unloaded. "Unloaded", means that cartridges are not in the breech, chamber or magazine.
- 2) The firearm must be made inoperable by:
 - a) a lock that prevents the gun from being fired,
 - b) removal of the bolt, or
 - c) storage in a locked container or room. The room or container must be constructed so that it cannot readily be broken open.
- 3) Cartridges can not be stored with a rifle or shotgun, unless they are stored in a locked container or room.
- 4) Requirements described in 2) and 3) above do not apply when a rifle or shotgun is stored temporarily to control predators or other wild animals.

Transportation

- 1) A rifle or shotgun can be transported in a vehicle or other means of conveyance, only if the firearm is unloaded. A firearm is considered loaded if it has ammunition in the breech, chamber or magazine. However, cartridges may be carried in a magazine that is not attached to the firearm.

Mike Dorrance, Problem Wildlife
Alberta Agriculture, Food & Rural
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- 2) A rifle or shotgun may be left in a vehicle that is not attended only if the firearm
 - a) is unloaded and not visible from outside the vehicle, and
 - b) the vehicle or trunk that contains the firearm is locked.

"Attended vehicle" means that the vehicle is under the direct supervision of a person who is 18 years of age or older, or a minor who has a permit.

Firearms Acquisition Certificate

An FAC is required to purchase or acquire rifles and shotguns. An FAC is not required to sell or possess firearms.

An FAC can be obtained by making an application to the RCMP. The fee for a new application is \$50, while a renewal costs \$25. An FAC is valid for 5 years.

The Canadian Firearms Safety Course must be successfully completed before you can renew an FAC or obtain a new FAC. This requirement applies to everyone, regardless of age or experience. Once you have passed the course, you will not have to take it again to renew an FAC.

The Canadian Firearms Safety Course includes about 8 hours of instruction and requires the satisfactory completion of a test. The test can be taken without the course, but most people will not pass without benefit of instruction. The course costs about \$100, although fees vary because the course is taught by private instructors.

Contact the RCMP for further information.

ALBERTA SHEPHERDS RECOGNITION

The recognition awards from the Alberta Sheep Breeders were presented at the All Canada Sheep Classic held in Olds on June 10 & 11, 1994.

I would like to nominate Ray Turner for the Alberta Shepherds Recognition Award.

Mr. Turner contributed substantially to the development of the sheep industry in both Alberta and B.C.

Some of his achievements are listed below:

- (1) While president of the Dawson Creek Sheep Breeders Association he submitted briefs to the B.C. Government - which resulted in the establishment of the first community sheep pasture in B.C. (1971) in the Sunset Prairie Grazing Reserve. This pasture is no longer used by the sheep industry, however much of reserve work done then has resulted in sheep producers now being paid to graze forestry projects and hydro right of way.
- (2) In the early 1970's Ray was one of the organizers and vice-president of the Peace River Lamb Association. This group served both B.C. and Alberta producers by coordinating lamb shipments, shearing, etc. Due to Mr. Turner's efforts and salesmanship the P.R.L.A. pioneered air shipments of locally grown and slaughtered lamb to Safeway and Woodward stores in Vancouver.
- (3) While selling fresh lamb in Vancouver he negotiated with Mr. Raymond Wright, New Zealand Trade Commissioner to withhold shipments of New Zealand lamb during our peak selling season.

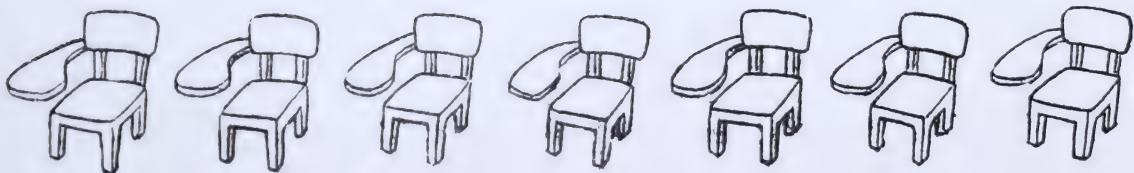
From the work of the P.F.R.A. came the initial thrust for a producer owned slaughter facility.

- (4) Ray was asked to work for the Alberta Sheep and Wool Commission doing preliminary work for Lamb Processors Co-op as well as publicity to sell shares in Alberta, B.C. and Saskatchewan. For two years he set aside his own farming to do this. During this time he also addressed the Banff Sheep Symposium. While Lamb Processors Co-op is no longer producer owned and has undergone a name change it still operates and serves the western Canadian sheep industry.

(5) In 1974 while Chairman of the B.C. Sheep Council, Mr. Turner negotiated the first Farm Income Assurance Plan for B.C. producers, guaranteeing them cost of production.

I believe that Ray Turner's contribution to the sheep industry in both Alberta and B.C. has had lasting value and is worthy of recognition.

Ray can be reached by telephone at 604-759-4473 or R R #2, Site 16, Comp 2, Dawson Creek, B.C., V1G 4E8.



September 6, 1994

SHEEP FOOTNOTES - ANNOUNCEMENTS

-Canada West Foods is now buying both rail and live.
Give us a call any time for a quote.

-We are now quoting on a live basis for sheep, lambs,
and goats.

-Canada West Foods is paying premiums for rail grade
lambs. Top prices paid for the best.

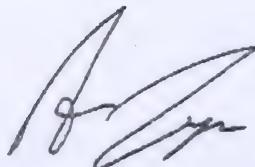
-If you're selling feeders give us a call - Andrew
or Randy at 1 - 800 - 363 - 6602 or 403 - 227 - 3386.

This year Canada West Foods introduced some new lamb products
and marketing concepts:

- Lamb sizzle, especially for the barbecue season.
- Four different varieties of sausage.

Canada West Foods is working to help build our sheep industry.

Andrew Tye
Head Livestock Buyer





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SHEEP BUSINESS IN THE '90s

Fresh Canadian lamb all year-round. That's the objective of the recently completed Strategic Plan for the Canadian Sheep Industry.

Sheep numbers in Canada have been increasing at the rate of about 5% per year in the last few years. Inroads are slowly being made in getting space on the shelves of supermarkets for fresh lamb. However, Canadian lamb still accounts for only 45% of the domestic consumption. There is ample room for import replacement as well as a greater share of the red meat market. Few hotels and restaurants feature Canadian lamb on their menus and the reason given is that uniform cuts are not always available nor can fresh lamb be supplied every month of the year. It is time to address these issues.

Numerous studies have been done over the years but few recommendations were ever implemented. On that note, the Canadian Sheep Federation sought input from all major stakeholders in the sheep industry. The priorities of the industry were reviewed and assessed. The major areas evaluated were production, marketing, wool, research and the sheep producer organizations themselves.

In order to raise the level of self-sufficiency, more lamb must be made available to the consumer through each marketing channel. The basic building block in expanding the sheep industry in Canada is the expansion of the national sheep flock. Producers have to adjust production and management to be more competitive but still meet market requirements. An education process must be put in place to show producers and processors the benefits of the new Canadian lamb carcass classification. Major growth in the industry will only come about when high quality, uniform size market specific lambs can be delivered on a regular basis.

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Timely marketing is a key factor in accessing the full potential of the Canadian lamb market. Year-round marketing benefits the Canadian industry by making more efficient use of capital and facilities. Producer income would not only rise but be spread more evenly throughout the whole year. Ethnic and seasonal marketing can be expanded through better knowledge of these niche markets. Increased sales are achieved by delivering the right product to meet the needs of the buyer.

In recent years wool has often been regarded as a cost element of sheep production rather than an income generating commodity. The production of good quality wool along with better preparation and uniform sorting can contribute significantly to producer revenue.

Good communication between researchers, industry, and producers will help focus on the industry's needs. Industry must have direct input into setting priorities for the research projects that are undertaken. Mechanisms are needed to pass on new technology to producers as soon as it is available. Technology transfer must be facilitated using state of the art media since publishing budgets are shrinking and the number of sheep specialists is declining.

Producer organizations are the key players responsible for developing provincial policy on production, promotion and marketing. Strong, well funded organizations must be maintained to improve and expand the sheep and wool industry at the producer level. The national organization, the Canadian Sheep Federation, is essential in developing policy on such national issues as farm income stabilization, health and research, trade, genetic evaluation, national checkoff, a code of practice for raising and handling sheep, and all other national matters that develop.

An action plan has been developed for each of the above areas giving direction and describing what has to be undertaken to ensure each recommendation is carried out. The next step in the process is to get everyone involved in implementing the recommendations. All stakeholders share the responsibility of expanding and improving the sheep and wool industry, as all will benefit. Competitiveness is the key word! The success of the Strategy depends on each sector understanding the objectives and encouraging each other e.g. producers, marketers, packers, processors, retailers, etc to put the recommendations into practice.

Marlyn O'Connor

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Executive Director



Sheep Management System

Ewe Byte is a sheep management program developed by researchers at the University of Guelph with partial support from the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food, and Rural Affairs. The program is owned and distributed by *Ewe Byte*, a non profit company owned by the researchers: Mrs. Sharon Duff, Dr. Paula Menzies, and Dr. Brian Buckrell. Profits from the sale of Ewe Byte will be returned to the research program to support further software development and to support sheep research based on its use.

Advantages Of Ewe Byte For Sheep Producers

Ewe Byte is a comprehensive recording system for pedigree, health, and production information. It is customize by the user for particular breeding programs, common conditions, and medications used on the farm.

Ewe Byte was originally designed for use in accelerated breeding schemes, but is also suitable for traditional annual breeding programs.

Ewe Byte is used for both large and small flock management.

Ewe Byte is capable of creating many sub flocks, useful to manage different breeds, different farms, or breeding groups.

Ewe Byte can record foster ewes and lambs.

Ewe Byte includes record keeping for artificial insemination and embryo transfer breedings.

Ewe Byte interfaces with the Ontario ROP program.

Ewe Byte can be customized to individual program and farm needs.

Ewe Byte produces useful action lists to assist in management.

Ewe Byte generates reports on pedigree, production and health information to assist in decisions making.

Ewe Byte can be used to identify trends in production and health essential for management.

Ewe Byte will be available October 1, 1994 at \$400
Ontario producers registered with OSMA can purchase Ewe Byte for \$320 prior to March 1, 1995
Purchase of Ewe Byte includes 12 months of telephone support

The Classifieds

FOR SALE - SHEEP

BLACK RAMS & ewe lambs. Born May '94. Dorset lambs. New black fleeces. Bob or Joyce, Olds, 403-556-3677 (After 6 PM) (9)

RIDEAU & Canadian Arcott rams & ewe lambs. Rideaus selected for maternal characteristics based on ROP and milk yields. Canadians selected for lean meat growth based on ROP, ultrasound and grading/classification results. Also 57% Friesland rams & ewes. These should yield 4 times more milk than domestic breeds. Other European genes available as sheep, embryos or semen. Deb or Ian Clark, Bentley, 403-748-2624 (9)

CANADIAN REGISTERED Polypay ewes, ewe lambs, ram & ram lambs. Crossbred Polypay ewes & ewe lambs. Darbi Rawlik, Lougheed, 403-386-2537 (9)

COMPLETE DISPERSAL purchased Romanov - 24 ewes & 3 rams - must sell - best offer takes the package. Linda, Lousana, 403-749-2154 (9)

RAM LAMBS - born in March & April '94. 1/2 Finn, 1/2 Suffolk cross. 6 to choose from. Norm, Sexsmith, 403-568-4136 (9)

FROM SHADY Acres Dorsets - 1 ram - 3 yrs, 7 bred ewes - 6 yrs & under. Package - \$1000.00. Ray, Breton, 403-696-2483 (9)

FLOCK REDUCTION - 40 - 1-4 yr old Finn/ Dorset ewes. Finn/Dorset ewe lambs and 1/2 Texel ewe lambs. Bill & Lorna, Tees, 403-784-3808 (After 6 PM) (9)

GOOD QUALITY Suffolk ewe & ram lambs. Circle S Suffolk, Beaumont, 403-929-9300 (9)

RIDEAU ARCOTT registered rams. \$250.00. Call Rolling Hills, 403-964-3917 (9)

PUREBRED CORRIE DALE ewe lambs. Good size & wool. Healthy herd with wormings and vaccinations up-to-date. \$150 each. Gayle Vallance, Fernie, B.C., 604-423-6473 (9)

200 SUFFOLK/Licster cross ewe lambs. Al, Sundre, 403-638-4188 (9)

DORSET RAM, 2 yr old. Excellent breeder. \$125. Bill Eden, Boyle, 403-689-2408 (9)

BLACK RAM lambs, mostly Suffolk & Suffolk/ Dorset. Born May/June '94. Sondra, Cochrane, 403-932-2386 (9)

1 PUREBRED Dorset ram. Proven breeder, papered. \$400.00 OBO. Brigitte Brewer, 403-542-6272(days) or 403-542-3929(evenings) (9)

TWIN REGISTERED rams, 4 yr breeder Walt Strand. Available after Oct 1. \$250 each. Fred, Dierkhising, Mayerthorpe, 403-786-4432 (9)

1 REGISTERED Suffolk ram. 2 yrs old. \$400. Cliff or Cori, Westlock, 403-349-6315 (9)

2 MARCH born registered Suffolk rams. Anne, Legal, 403-961-2370 (9)

200 SUFFOLK ewes & Suffolk cross ewes. Many out of season breeders. Your pick \$150 each. Also Suffolk ram lamb. JJ Brown, Vermilion, 403-853-2497 (9)

1/2 DORSET, 1/4 Suffolk, 1/4 Romanov ewes. 1-2 yrs old. From an excellerated lambing flock. Very maternal. \$80 each. Also have 1/2 Romanov & 1/2 Suffolk ewe lambs. Jim or Joanne, Bowden, 403-224-3026 (9)

MEATY DORSET rams from Blue Tag sires. Also limited numbers of ewe lambs. Gordon, Bowden, 403-224-3753 (9)

REGISTERED ROMNEY rams, 1-2 yr old & 2 yearlings. Also custom ewe lambs. Susan, Beaverlodge, 403-354-2047 (9)

20 WHITE-face Rambouillet cross ewes between 2-4 yrs old. \$120 each. Gary, Nanton, 403-395-2123 (leave message) or 403-646-2492 (days) (9)

35 VERY good ewes. 1-4 yrs old. Romanov, Suffolk & Rambouillet crosses. Lammed out at 230%. Also 30 ewe lambs born from Apr 1-15 & 2-1 yr old Suffolk rams. They were used for breeding last fall. Reason for selling is too much school work. Matthias, Valleyview, 403-524-2465 (9)

3 SUFFOLK ram lambs, Apr born. Marie, Barrhead, 403-674-4543 (9)

2 PUREBRED Romney rams. Also approx. 75 Rambouillet ewes & crossbred ewe lambs. Lachlan, Okotoks, 403-938-3369 (9)

1993 PUREBRED Suffolk ram. Proven breeder, excellent confirmation & condition. Good temperament. \$175 OBO. Berget, High River. 403-652-2278 (9)

38 COMMERCIAL ewes available now. 30 purebred Romanov ewes, plus other commercial ewes, available in Sept. Also have purebred registered Suffolk ram lambs. Gladys, 403-347-0668 (Red Deer) or 403-747-2293 (Alix) evenings pls (9)

100 RAMBOUILLET ewe lambs, all twins, all born in the first 2 wks of lambing period. Michael, Milo, 403-599-3790 (9)

1 KATAHDIN ram lamb. Fred, Barrhead, 403-674-5775 (9)

SMALL FLOCK dispersal. 10 Dorset & Hampshire cross, open, commercial ewes. 1 registered Hampshire ewe, 3 yrs old. 1 registered Hampshire ram, 3 yrs old. Have 1 reserved & champion market lamb, sired by ram. Just won Grand Champion at Lloyd exhibition Mavis, Lloydminster, Saskatchewan, 306-825-3605 (9)

COMPLETE DISPERSAL of one of Alberta's foremost Suffolk flocks. A 75-ewe flock exposed for January lambing, plus an excellent choice of rams, forty years of selection for multiple births and rate of gain; 28 years on ROP, 20 years at Alberta's Ram Test Station with consistently high performance. In 1994, top gaining ram and trophy for best overall average gain. To be sold as a flock by private treaty. Complete flock records available and references from repeat buyers on request. For further information please call or write Brian Kure, R R #1, Innisfail, Alberta T4G 1T6, 403-728-3744 (10)

1 - 2 Yr old Suffolk ram & 1 - 2 yr old North Country Cheviot ram. Both are proven breeders & have produced top quality lamb crop. There are also a number of Suffolk ram lambs available. Everything is registered & is good quality, along with a reasonable price. Greg, Olds, 403-335-4136 (10)

1 YEARLING Rambouillet ram, born Jan '93. Also 2 black ram lambs, born Feb '94. Mike or Linda, Bowden, 403-224-3743 (10)

BRIGHTBANK FINN sheep has for sale Finn/Dorset & Finn/Dorset/ Texel cross ewe lambs. These lambs are from multiple births & are ready to breed this fall. \$100 each. Kathy Playdon, Stony Plain, 403-963-0416 (10)

RAMBOUILLET EWE lambs & ram lambs. John Kirk, Two Hills, 403-657-2048 (10)

REGISTERED SMITH Hampshire yearling rams. M. Smith, 100 Mile House, B.C., 604-395-3508 (10)

STRONG HEALTHY Suffolk cross ewes. Proven easy multiple lambers. With ram Sept 5. Also 2 Suffolk rams. Shirley, Bassano, 403-641-4306 (10)

50 SUFFOLK cross ewes. Multiple producers of various ages. Good moms. Ron, Vega, 403-674-6248 (10)

CLUN FOREST cross ewes, 2 & 3 yrs old. Also purebred Clun Forest ewes & rams. Norma, Mayerthorpe, 403-786-4431 (10)

COMPLETE DISPERSAL of small colored wool flock. 18 mature ewes, some with lambs at foot. 5 replacement ewe lambs Dec-Feb born. Predominately Rambouillet/Columbia cross with some Dorset. Great Mothers. Easy lambers. Lovely, heavy fleeces. Very strong flocking instincts. I hate to sell them but I've been forced to move & the new backyard just isn't big enough. Asking \$125. Call Mary 403-638-3445 or Ron 403-638-2836, Sundre (10)

25 WHITE face 1/2 Dorset ewe lambs & several proven Dorset rams. Reg or Gail, Alsike, 403-696-3647 (10)

ADAMS GREEN has for sale 2 registered twin born Columbia ram lambs - \$200. 1 non-registered triplet born Columbia ram lamb - \$150. Dave or Jan, High Prairie, 403-524-5382 (10)

12 EWE lambs. From multiple producers & crossbreds. Born mid-March to mid-April. \$100. Irene, Derwent, 403-741-2271 (leave message) (10)

RAMBOUILLET RAMS. Quality purebred yearling rams sire by test station rams on registered ewes. Larry Madge, Milk River, 403-647-2187 (10)

PUREBRED SCOTTISH black face ram lambs. Ed, Camrose, 403-672-6026 (10)

NOW OFFERING a good selection of rams. Purebred Hampshire, Suffolk & North Country Cheviot. Also a selected group of Romanov /Suffolk cross. Dennis, Redwater, 403-942-4537 (evenings) (10)

200 POLYPAY ewes. Grades cutblock 1994. Each ages 1-6 yrs. \$125. Available early September. Dean, Saskatchewan, 306-862-5565 (10)

SUFFOLK RAM lamb. Born in March. Terry or Bill, Blackie, 403-684-3844 (10)

PUREBRED SUFFOLK & Dorset ram lambs. Growthy, good quality, early born rams. \$200 - \$250. Howard, Brown, Tosfield, 403-662-4983 (10)

RAMBOUILLET EWES - 3 - 3 yr olds, 1 - 2 yr old, 9 April born ewe lambs. Also a few Ramboouillet/Suffolk & Finn crosses. Betty, Claresholm, 403-625-4036 (10)

CROSSED EWE lambs. From excellent flock 1/2 Dorset, 1/4 Suffolk & 1/4 Romanov. Also 3 Suffolk ewe lambs. Ready for breeding this fall. Donna, Bowden, 403-224-2565 (10)

1 PUREBRED Suffolk ewe lamb. Born March '94 - \$125. 3 purebred Suffolk ram lambs. Born Feb & Apr '94 - \$125-\$150. 4 Suffolk cross ewe lambs. Born Mar & Apr '94 - \$115. Jean, Drumheller, 403-823-2522 (10)

3 - 7/8 Romanov ram lambs. Elsie M. Mackay, Mannville, 403-763-3749 (10)

100 EWES, 1 Suffolk ram, 1 Romanov ram & 1 Romanov/Suffolk cross ram. Lloyd, Vilna, 403-636-2653 (10)

COMPLETE DISPERSAL of commercial ewes. 600 head. Ron, Sundre, 403-638-2836 (10)

KATAHDIN SHEEP. 2 ewes. 4 lambs. (2 rams in tact). Best offer takes. Karen, Bentley, 403-748-2862 (10)

REGISTERED NORTH Country Cheviot ram. 2 yrs old. Proven breeder from Ontario. Eckhart or Monica Marenholtz, Flatbush, 403-681-2430 (10)

4 EWE lambs & 3 big young ewes. 1/2 Suffolk, 1/2 North Country Cheviot. Bred Suffolk. Glen Kershaw, Didsbury, 403-335-4983 (10)

KATAHDIN - YOUNG ewes, ewe & ram lambs. Harvey, Hines Creek, 403-494-2400 (10)

GOOD COMMERCIAL replacement crossbred ewe lambs. Born Feb-Mar '94. All twins or triplets, any singles sold as meat. 100+ pounds. Ewes selected for prolificacy, grading & maternal traits. Flock lambing & lamb carcass grading records available. If interested, call Brad at Big Valley, 403-876-2226 (10)

SMALL FLOCK dispersal of quiet easy to handle commercial ewes. 5 Dorset cross ewes aged 1-3 yrs, 4 Romanov cross ewes aged 1-3 yrs & 2 Suffolk cross ewes aged 4 yrs. 11 spring born ewe lambs. Dorset cross. All multiple birth. Also 1-4 yr old Dorset ram. Some ewes bred for Dec/Jan lambing. Call Laura, Didsbury, 403-335-4778 (10)

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84 SUFFOLK ewes 2-7 yrs old. 106 Suffolk/Romanov Apr lambs. Roy, 403-623-7820 (10)

40 YOUNG Suffolk cross ewes. 3rd & 4th lambers. Bred Romanov. To start Jan 1/95. \$110. Dwayne Bignell, Stettler, 403-742-0325 (10)

2 REGISTERED Suffolk rams. Gloamin, Twin Creek & Edan Vale breeding. Both born Feb 5/93. Proven breeders. 1 registered Columbia ram born Feb 6/93. Twin Creek & Newman breeding. Proven breeder. Reasonable prices. Zane Ashbacher, Millarville, 403-931-3357 (10)

FOR SALE - GOATS

PUREBRED NUBIAN buckling. Born Apr 5. Good confirmation. From excellent milking lines. \$150. Gayle Vallance, Fernie, B.C. 604-423-6473 (9)

SPANISH MEAT does, also black Spanish buck, 4 months old. Linda, Irvine, 403-834-2085 (9)

TENNESSEE FAINTING goats. Born in May & June. Doug, Penhold, 403-886-2567 (9)

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REGISTERED NUBIAN buck kids. Excellent quality, triplets, from an outstanding doe. Jan, Bon Accord, 403-961-4059 (9)

UNIQUE ONE-of-a-kind south African boer/ spanish meat goat. Crosses available. Jim, Onoway, 403-967-4453 (9)

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REGISTERED NUBIAN star buck. 2 yrs old. Blue roan with silver ears. 300 lbs. Excellent producer - twins & triplets. Asking \$400. Laurie, Whitecourt, 403-648-2244 (10)

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CASHMERE GOATS - 4 - 1993 does, great selection of 1994 does (24 to choose from). Fibre data, breeding & health records available. Pat, Onoway, 403-967-4843 (10)

ALPINE & Alpine/Nubian cross does & bucks. Some does are presently milking. Will sell bred or open. Brian or Rena, Rocky Mtn House, 403-845-2707 (10)

FOR SALE - DOGS

PUREBRED BORDER Collie pups. Born May 30/94. Had 1st shot & dewormed. Both parents from International Champion bloodlines. \$300 each. Arnold, High Prairie, 403-524-2523 (9)

BORDER COLLIE puppies born 25 May 94. By Sport a son of Spot 1991 Supreme International Champion of Britain and out of Mist an excellent young bitch of Scottish and Welsh breeding. Ron or Olwyn, Sundre, 403-2836 (9)

BORDER COLLIE pups from registered parents. Born July 9/94. Grandparents were Great Britain International Champions. Sondra, Cochrane, 403-932-2386 or Calgary, 403-286-1993 (9)

BORDER COLLIE pups, registered, brown & white. Ready to go Aug 15/94. From working parents. Also 2 male Border Collies, started from 1 1/2 yr old. Mary, Falkland, B.C., 604-379-2630 (9)

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HUNTAWAY STOCK dog pups. Available from Ron MacKay, 403-625-2334 (10)

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PREDATOR PROBLEMS? Coyote, wolf, cougar or bear problems? Flying predator problems? Eagle, hawk, owl or raven problems? Guardian dogs may just be the answer to your problems. We have Guardian pups and trained adult dogs available most of the time. For information or advice call Ron Gale, Sundre, 403-638-2836 (9)

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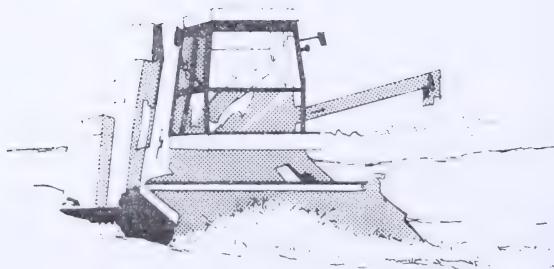
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